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Colonel Ronald A. Newton, assumed duties as Assistant Commandant of the United States Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 28 June 2004.

COL Newton graduated from Methodist College, Fayetteville, NC with a BA in Business Administration. A Master's of Military Arts and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master's of Strategic Leadership and Planning from the Army War College.

Graduate of Army War College, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, Special Forces Qualification Course, Defense Language Institute, Military Intelligence School, and Air Defense Artillery School

COL Newton enlisted in the 82 nd Airborne Division and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation from Officer Candidate School as an Air Defense Officer. Held Air Defense positions as Fire Control Officer and Executive Officer in a Nike Hercules (Nuclear) Battery at Ft Bliss, Texas Tactical Control Officer for an Air Defense (IHAWK) along the DMZ of Korea Battalion S2, Assistance S3, and Towed Battery Commander 82 nd Airborne Division.

Special Forces assignments include: Commander of Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 576, Battalion S4, and Commander Company C, 3 rd Bn 5th Special Forces Group Commander Company C, and S3 Operations Officer 1 st Bn, 3 rd Special Forces Group during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Special Operations Command Europe as an Operations /Exercise planner Operations officer for Forward Operations Base in Croatia and Bosnia during Operation Joint Endeavor Operation Officer Joint Operations Center Freetown Sierra Leone during Liberia NEO Operation Assured Response Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) SOF planner Operation Assured Lift out of the Ivory Coast Deputy Commander for the EUCOM Assessment Team Brazzaville, Congo Operation Guardian Retrieval.

COL Newton served as Commander, Fort Story, Virginia Deputy Commander, 1 st Special Warfare Training Group (ABN) Fort Bragg, NC and Director of Operations (J3) Special Operations Command Europe responsible for planning and conducting sensitive special operations in support of OEF/OIF and other national requirements throughout the European Command AOR.

Awards and decorations include: Bronze Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4th OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal (3 rd OLC), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2 nd OLC), Army Superior Unit Award, Humanitarian Service Medal (1 st OLC), Army Commendation Medal (5 th OLC), National Defense Service Medal (2), NATO Medal,